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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET)
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING)
MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly add the following claim:

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546. (New) The kit of claim 505, wherein said first base sequence contains a cluster of least four ribonucleotides modified to include a 2'-O-methyl substitution to the ribofuranosyl moiety.

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